

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. In the specification, paragraphs [0061] and [0073] have been amended to correct typographical errors. Specifically, the reference numerals used to designate the flat sides and the flat tops of the raised regions shown in Figures 4A-D and 5A-D, respectively, were reversed and have now been corrected. The amendment is supported by the original specification and drawings, therefore, no new matter has been added by these amendments.

2. In the drawings, Figure 2 has been amended to add a previously omitted reference number to enhance the ease of understanding of the figure. The addition is supported by the original specification and drawings, e.g., paragraphs [0055] and [0056], therefore, no new matter has been added by this amendment. An annotated sheet showing the change is attached in an Appendix.

3. Regarding the claims:

Claims 8, 9, 14, 15, 17, 25 and 26 remain in this application. All of these claims are allowed. Original Claims 1-7, 10-13, 16 and 18-24 (previously withdrawn) have been cancelled.

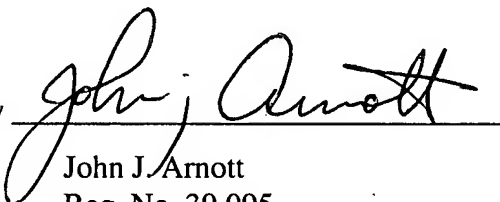
In the Office Action of August 24, 2005, the indicated allowability of Claim 7 was withdrawn and Claims 1, 4-6, 10-13 and 16 (and apparently also Claim 7) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Schmidt (US 842498) in view of Fradin (US 4231135) and Matoba (US 4799298). All of these rejected claims have been cancelled.

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated August 24, 2005. Applicant has addressed each issue raised by the examiner. All of the claims remaining in the application are allowed. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

4. Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the applicable fee.

5. Applicant has now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims pending in the application. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/BEST-26,383 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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Amendments to the Drawings

Attached is a complete set (14 sheets) of drawings including Figures 1-18, replacing the original sheets including Figures 1-18. The new sheets are marked "REPLACEMENT SHEETS." The attached sheets include changes to Figure 2 as follows:

In Figure 2, reference numeral 208 is added to designate the tack stitches in the prior art pocket.

An annotated sheet showing the changes to Figure 2 is attached in an Appendix.

Attachments: Replacements Sheets (14 sheets).

Annotated Sheets showing changes (1 sheet).

ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES

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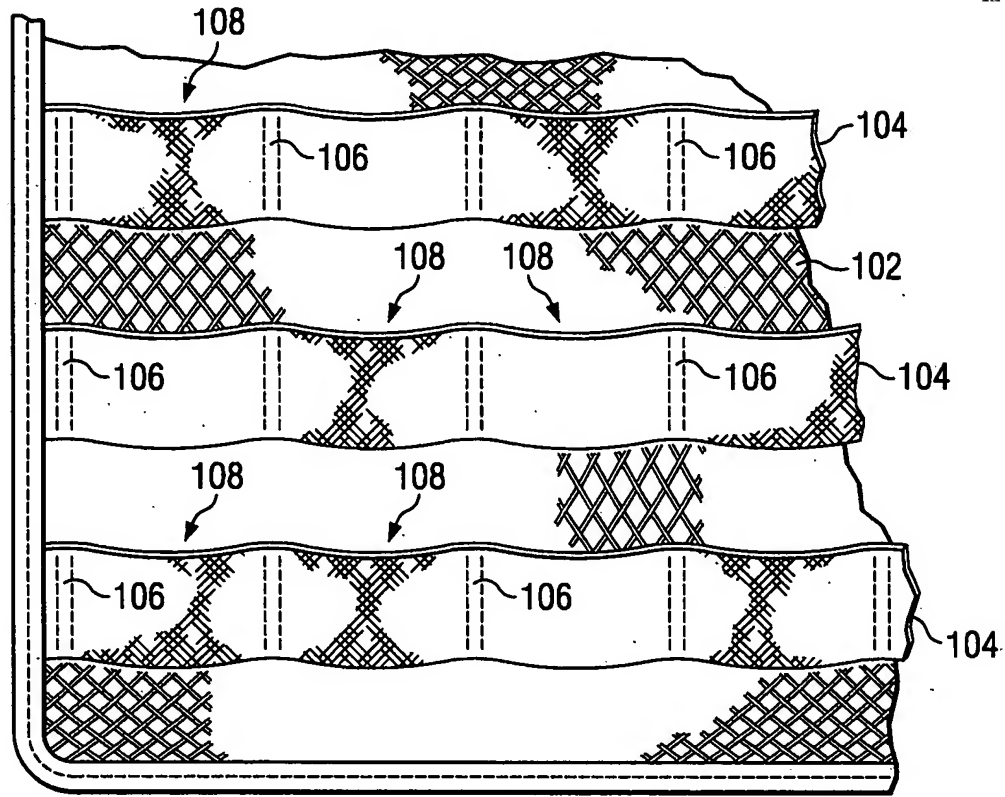


FIG. 1
(PRIOR ART)

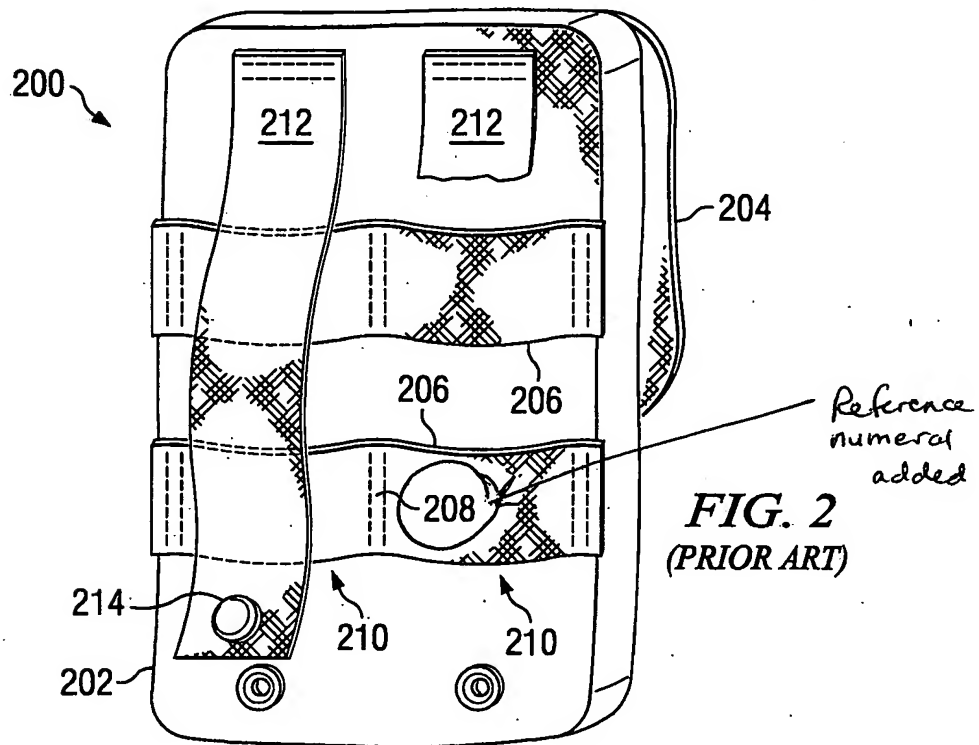


FIG. 2
(PRIOR ART)